



A contemporary take on the classic Australian home.



The backyard pool has been overhauled.

Revamp looking to future

■ Lisa Colwell

A contemporary take on the classic Australian home with a view to catering for future generations was the brief for the renovation of this Sorrento home by West-Ville Constructions.

Owners Michael and Catherine Kolomyjec had lived in the home for 18 years and

said a small crack in the backyard swimming pool prompted them to overhaul the alfresco area, create a new pool and build a separate pool house with a living area, kitchen and bathroom.

To retain the slope of the 710sqm block, the new 11.8m x 3.8m pool had to be built first and the remainder of the renovations and additions built around it.

Mrs Kolomyjec said the retreat/pool house was the perfect spot for guests to stay for her three children to hang out in when or as an option for her mother-in-law needed to live with them in the future.

"We needed to be able to cater for forever," Mrs Kolomyjec said.

The retreat backs on to a laneway and sits above a spacious new garage, with

provision for a wine cellar.

Mrs Kolomyjec said they wanted the design to respect the craftsmanship of the laneway style and as such 17,000 recycled bricks feature in the retreat, including the laneway's striking new frontage.

She said the tradespeople were so meticulous they sorted through brick by brick in order to feature the side with the "most character."

Stacker doors in the pool house/retreat area connect the living area to the outdoors, while an abundance of windows in the living area, and in the bedroom, provide views of the streets of Sorrento.

Mrs Kolomyjec described the pool house as very New York, Melbourne and Scandinavian.

"We didn't put anything in here unless it was functional," she said.

The surrounding gardens and alfresco area were also overhauled, with a tennis/badminton and volleyball court installed.

Mrs Kolomyjec said they wanted to create a "quintessential Australian garden, somewhere where you could kick a soccer ball."

Fruit and vegetable plants were also incorporated.

■ The home was an entry in the Renovation/Addition Project \$350,001 to \$500,000 category. For inquiries, phone West-Ville Constructions on 9040 1001.



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